

**Eastern Montana Regional Trauma Advisory Committee ERTAC**  
**September 19, 2013, 1400 – Mansfield Room 7**

**PRESENT:**

Billings Clinic Brad Von Bergen  
 Glasgow Elaine Schuchard  
 STAT Air Dawn Sugg  
 State of MT Carol Kussman & Robin Suzor  
 St. Vincent Randi Koehn, Chuck Bratsky, & Dr. Maier

**PRESENT via TELE-Med:**

Columbus Pam Prideaux-Leak  
 Glasgow Clay Berger & Chelsea Sams  
 Red Lodge Billy Oley, MD & Chris Benton  
 Harlowton Ray Hetherington & Dwight Thompson, PA  
 WolfPoint Tacey Strand  
 Forsyth Mindy Price  
 Lewiston Delilah Duffy  
 Culbertson Teresia Moore  
 Hardin Linda Troyer, Vera, Lou, Sara

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	Call to order by Dr. Oley @ 1405
<b><u>REVIEW OF MINUTES</u></b>	June minutes via e-vote September 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b><u>CASE PRESENTATIONS</u></b>	<p>Ocular Injuries by Elaine Schuchard &amp; Dawn Sugg</p> <p><b><u>CASE #1</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydraulic 2500 psi line resulting in facial trauma and hydraulic fluid exposure</li> <li>Transfer via STAT Air; altitude and ocular air pressure discussed</li> <li><b><u>ISSUES:</u></b> no eye equity documented by rural facility or flight team</li> <li>Intraocular pressure with lateral canthotomy performed</li> <li>Vision permanently impaired</li> </ul> <p><b><u>CASE #2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nail inserted into eye via nail gun causing brain trauma rather than ocular</li> <li>Transfer via MED Flight</li> <li>Ocular repair in OR with gel foam in nail track upon removal</li> </ul> <p>Review of Specific Injuries &amp; Treatments</p> <p>Facility presentation December</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tacey in WolfPoint</li> <li>Dr. Oley &amp; Chris Benton in Red Lodge</li> <li></li> </ol>
<b><u>SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>	1. Treasurer Report by Brad

- Unavailable at this time; decreasing amount of scholarships is needed as funding is low; no anticipation of funds in 2014 from State of MT.
- 2. Education Report by Elaine
  - TEAM Course revision planned for commencement in November.
  - TNCC courses
  - Pediatric Outreach Symposium presented by St. Vincent Trauma Services Oct. 2-3 in Billings.
  - Geriatric Course will be available to regions with CME's in 2014.
- 3. ERTAC State Report by Carol
  - STCC meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup> in Helena.
  - 2014 STCC calendar located State MT trauma / EMS website for your availability.
  - 42 facilities designated currently.
  - Designation Criteria presented at Systems Conference last week will go through public rules process.
  - ATLS November 2013 course full; 2014 dates available online.
  - RMRTS 275 people in attendance last week in Great Falls.
  - MT Trauma Treatment Manual available will be mailed to facilities, additionally located online.
  - Web-based Collector currently being tested.
  - System issues: pediatric neurosurgery availability, bariatric trauma patients, air medical activation guidelines, anti-coagulated trauma patients.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Preventable Mortality Study: preventable death rates 13% 1990, 8% 1998, 5% 2008. ABCD focus in patient care delivery needs continued work.
  - EMS OPHI-Data 153 licensed transport services required to submit data 86% compliance rate.
  - PHTLS instructor course locations available online.
  - TXA Tranexamic Acid approved prehospital protocol by BOME.
  - Hospital Preparedness Courses available online.
- 4. ERTAC Data by Carol Records from Jan-June 2013
  - Injury type blunt 92% with cause MVC 34%, falls 28%
  - 1200-1759 times of increased trauma presentation
  - Expired patients = 35; MVC 8, Fall 9, MCC/ATV 7 leading mechanism.
  - EMS patient care report in medical record 495 total ground 84% received.
  - Air report received 93%.
  - Hypothermia 8% of patient's do not have recorded temperatures.
  - Pediatric specific injuries = 76 (age 0-17yrs); falls 21, MVC 19, MCC 13, Assault 4, Horse 5, Bicycle 3, Hanging 2, struck by items 4, near drown 1, crush injury 2, sex 1.
  - Pediatric deaths = 3; pediatric patient's transferred out of state = 3; transferred in state = 5.
  - Geriatric patients 55yrs+ = 696; deaths = 12 falls 7, MVC 2, SIGSW 2, MCC 1; average ISS 10.2.
- 5. Pediatrics by Robin
  - PEDS Ready Project; assessment 86.7% response rate

- SPROC State Partnership for Regionalization of Care
- Mock Code Visits continue
- EMSC Prehospital Assessment; emscsurveys.org open September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Webpage <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/ems/emsc/emschome.shtml>.

**COMMENTS / DISCUSSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

General meeting was adjourned at 1600.

**THE NEXT ERTAC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR *December 12th*, hosted at Billings Clinic Conference Center.**